

Strange and Wonderful News from R O M E :

Giving an Account of an old Man lately and strangely known to be in the City of Rome, in Italy, and how he came Invisibly thither; together with his Eleven Strange and Wonderful P R O P H E S I E S, which particularly do mention what shall happen yearly: shewing also how he breaks strong Iron Chains in pieces, as if they were Brown-thread, with many more strange Wonders, never before like ever heard of before, as naming the Year when there shall be no Pope, and Rome shall have no Head, and the Gospel shall be preached throughout the WORLD.

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IT is not unknown to most who are pleased to take Cognisance of Wonders and strange Miracles, which this present Age doth frequently represent; that of late Years we have been exceedingly astonish'd at several (to us strange and seldom heard of) much to be admired Wonders: But now prepare your Ears to hear the most amazing and most unparallel'd Miracle that ever England was made sensible of, or I think the whole World was ever made acquainted with; nay, so wonderfully strange, and seemingly impossible to be true, that though it be attested with manifold Assertions, it cannot lodge in the breast of the Incredulous, as an unquestionable Verity. But to proceed to the matter intended, and not too much to derogate from my designed Business, let this inform the most doubtful and unbelieving Reader, That there is lately an account sent from Italy, of the strange manner of the coming of one Man into the City of Rome, eminently known by many Travellers, to be one of the Cities not least accounted of in Italy; this Person of such an Age (as he says he is) no less to be admired for his great Age, then for his strange kind of Prophecies, which he daily parts with; and his manner of coming into the City, which we are informed was invisible; but to come to particulars: This Person doth affirm, That his Age is greater then e're was heard of, for he doth say he is above a thousand Years old; he doth pretend to be an Apostle of Jesus Christ, and says that he hath the Spirit of Truth in him; with many other Assertions, no less full of Wonder then that you have already heard of in the preceding lines: His manner of Apparel is no less to be admir'd then his manner of Discourse, for such Habit as we are informed he doth wear, was never seen by mortal eye; his Deportment is also very strange, for he walks up and down the City, preaching and admonishing to serious Repentance, and giving admirable Advice to the People to forsake their Iniquities, and to return from their evil Ways, for, says he, *The wrath of God is kindled against the Romans.* He also adds, That the City of Rome is a second Sodom; and that the Transgressions of the People have ascended to the Heavens, and approached to the Ears of the Almighty, and that nothing can preserve them from approaching Misery, but speedy and unfeigned Repentance, without which, he doth assert, that in three Years the City shall be utterly destroyed and consumed by Fire. By our last Advice we are informed, that this Man had continued there for the space of eight Days, preaching about the City: his custom is to go bare-headed and bare-footed, strange to behold. The Magistrates being offended at his Doctrine, have forbidden him to preach; but he took no more notice thereof, then to return this answer, *That he was sent from God to move the People to Repentance, and to abandon those Iniquities, which if not deserted, would doubtlesly pull down Vengeance upon them in a short time.* After this, order was given for his Confinement; which being performed, he was frequently visited by several Jesuits, who discoursed

with him in several Tongues, namely, the *Latine, Hebrew, and Chaldean*, wherein he was exquisitely perfect. He also acknowledges that he knows well such as live loose and wicked Lives. He is not overcurious in his Dyet; for his greatest Delicate, and general Food is nothing but dry Bread; and his strongest Drink is Water only. He prophesies of many strange things, and the time when all the Wickedness in the World should have an end, and every one shall serve the Lord, and worship the God of Heaven: then Nation shall no more rise against Nation, nor Kingdom against Kingdom, all the World shall be at peace. Being asked by some of the amazed People, whose astonishments were as great as his answers strange, How long it would be before this blessed Day would come? His reply was absolute, and about the Year 1699, should certainly be the end of all Wickedness in the World: all Nations shall live in the fear of the Lord; all the World shall be at peace. His strange and unknown coming into that City was admired by all: at last he was examined by the Magistrates from whence he came: He answered, That he came from a place called *Galadiah in Damas, a City of Gallilee*, and is the Messenger of the Almighty, sent to preach Repentance to the sinful World. But the Jesuits not at all pleased with his Doctrine or Discourse, have prevalently perswaded their Magistrates to condescend to what they so earnestly requested, which is, That this Person, on whom we know not what Title justly to bestow, should by all means be conveyed to the Pope, there to be examined by his Holiness: But he makes little account of what is ordered, saying, That he is very well acquainted with what shall be his Portion, and what shall become of him; and that he looked upon it altogether unnecessary to be so loaded with Chains; but did acknowledge that he was very desirous to see the Pope; and so without any difficulty, and with great ease, breaking the Chains all to pieces, he filled the Spectators with astonishment, as the Report of these Wonders will certainly fill with amazement, all those to whom this matter shall be communicated. But besides all this, he prophesie what Transactions shall happen yearly, which I shall particularize as followeth: He prophesies, That

- In 1693 great Changes you will hear of and see.
- In 1694 shall be Wars over all the World.
- In 1695 Rome shall begin to fall, and England shall begin to thrive.
- In 1696 shall be no Pope, and Rome shall have no Head.
- In 1697 the Turk shall turn Christian.
- In 1698 the Gospel shall be preached throughout the World.
- In 1699 a great Man shall rise.
- In 1700 all the World shall be at Peace.
- In 1701 Jesus Christ shall be known to all Mankind.
- In 1702 a great Earthquake shall happen.
- In 1703 will be the time when the Jews will be called.

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